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Dublin, July 12.

THIS Day his Grace the Duke of Ormond went with the uſual Solemnity to meet the Lords and Commons of this Kingdom aſſembled in Parliament, and being ſeated on the Throne, made the following Speech to both Houſes.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HER Majeſty being graciouſly pleaſed, that her Subjects of this Kingdom ſhould participate in the happy Influences of her Government, has taken this moſt early Occaſion to call you together, to teſtifie her Affection and Care of your Welfare; and to aſſure you that ſhe will ſtill continue the ſame tender Regard for you, which ſhe has already ſhewn in ſo many remarkable Inſtances.

By remitting the Twentieth Parts, and granting the Firſt Fruits for buying in Impropriations, her Majeſty has not only conferred a Mark of her Grace and Favour on the preſent Clergy; but has provided for the Maintenance of greater Numbers of them, when by the good Laws made againſt the Popiſh Religion in her Majeſty's Reign, the Church ſhall be enlarged.

And her Majeſty has given an Inſtance of her Royal Bounty to the College of Dublin, *in compliance with an Application made in their behalf laſt Seſſion of Parliament.*

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The Publick Accounts which are Order'd to be laid before you will demonſtrate how careful Her Majeſty has been to ſave you ſeveral Heads of Expence; and therefore has conſider'd of a leſs chargeable way for ſecuring the Arms and Ammunition than was formerly propoſed. And the ſame publick Accounts will inform you, that as Her Majeſty's great Expeditions by Sea and Land, have occaſion'd the withdrawing ſeveral Troops from hence, and putting them on other Eſtabliſhments; ſo whatever hath been ſaved thereby, has been apply'd to the publick Service of this Kingdom; and Her Majeſty having hitherto taken all proper Methods for the Eaſe of Her Subjects, does judge it neceſſary for their Safety and Protection, to replace on her Eſtabliſhment here, ſo many more Troops as will compleat the Number of Her Forces: And doubts not but that you will make Proviſion accordingly. As alſo for the Rebuilding in proper Places the ſeveral publick Offices, which the late Fire has deſtroyed.

And Her Majeſty conſidering how much the Eſtates and Properties of Her Subjects of this Kingdom depend upon the Records thereof, doth earneſtly Recommend to you, the making Proviſion to prevent the great Miſchiefs both Publick and Private which may ariſe by the Loſs of thoſe conſumed in the late Fire, and to preſerve ſuch as are remaining.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am commanded by Her Majeſty to aſſure you that ſhe will ſtill continue to preſerve the Church of Ireland *as by Law Eſtabliſhed, ſecure the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of* Hanover, *maintain and ſupport the Proteſtant Religion, and the Rights and Properties of all Her Subjects.*

And as Her Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to ſignifie Her Readineſs to concur with you in any thing, that may be for your Safety and Proſperity; ſo ſhe has not the leaſt Doubt, but that you will proceed in the Matters which ſhall come before you, with ſuch Temper, Unanimity, and Diſpatch, as may render this a happy Seſſion to Her Majeſty and Her People.

Hamburgh, July 17. *N. S.* We have received Advice from Carelſcron, that the Swediſh Fleet is ready to put to Sea, and is order'd to Engage the Danes if poſſible; and foraſmuch as the Danes give out, that they have the ſame Deſign againſt the Swedes, we expect to hear of ſome Action between them. The Accounts we had received that the King of Sweden and the Palatin of Kiovia were gone to Conſtantinople are contradicted, and we are now told that his Majeſty has join'd the Army of the Turks, who are advanc'd as far as the Danube, over which they have laid three Bridges, in order to paſs that River; but it is thought the Diſſentions that prevail not only throughout the Empire, but in the Army, will deter the Vizier for the preſent from engaging in any conſiderable Enterprize. Our Letters from Poland aſſure us, that the Hoſpodars of Wallachia and Moldavia have declared for the Czar of Muſcovy; a Detachment of whoſe Forces, conſiſting of ſix thouſand Men, under the command of Brigadier Kropotow, are poſted at Jaſſi, where he received the Submiſſion of the Provinces before mention'd in the uſual Forms. The Turks had laid a Deſign to ſeize the Hoſpodar of Wallachia, and carry him to Conſtantinople, but Brigadier Kropotow being timely advertis'd of it, advanced with a ſeaſonable Relief of three thouſand Dragoons, and prevented them. His Czariſh Majeſty arrived the 16th of June at Bracklow, and as ſoon as General Czeremetoff has joined him with the Horſe, he propoſeth to paſs the Nieſter with the whole Army. They write from Stetin, that Preparations are making there for a vigorous Defence in caſe of a Siege, of which the Swedes ſeem very apprehenſive.

From the Camp at Cote, July 27. *N. S.* On Friday the 4th Inſtant early in the Morning an Expreſs from Count Hompeſch brought Advice, that the Enemy had three Days before puſh'd on three ſeveral Attacks againſt our new Works at Arleux, with ſo much Vigour, and ſuch Numbers of Troops, that the Colonel who commanded being dangerouſly wounded, and our Men by the falling of ſeveral Bombs into a ſmall Ravelin before the Gate forc'd to quit it, they retir'd into the Fort, where they beat the Chamade, and agreed to ſurrender themſelves Priſoners of War; upon which the Troops detach'd for the Relief of the Place were ordered back to the Camp. We have as yet no other Particulars of this Action, than what are brought by Deſerters, of which more than fourſcore came over to us the ſame Day, they reported that the Enemy had above two hundred Men killed and wounded; among the latter are the Count de Gaſſion a Lieutenant General, and other Officers of Diſtinction. The Enemy are adding ſome new Works to ſtrengthen the Poſt they have taken. Yeſterday a Detachment of twenty four Squadrons and twelve Battallions were ordered to march, under the Command of the Earl of Albermarle, and encamp nea Bethune, in order to obſerve the Enemies Motions on that ſide. This Morning his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, attended by ſeveral General Officers, went with a Detachment of two thouſand Horſe as far as Aubigny, to view the Enemies Lines between Ugy and Aveſne le Comte.